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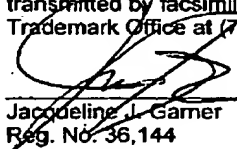
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Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are offered in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated 12/26/2003. They are respectfully submitted as a full and complete response to that Action.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

There are no **Amendments to the Specification**.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings**.

The **Remarks** begin on page 4.